

Rocky Flats Community Advisory

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EPA, Colorado and DOE Select Rocky Flats Final Remedy

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the state of Colorado and the U.S. Department of Energy today signed the document that confirms that the Rocky Flats cleanup is protective of human health and the environment and meets federal Superfund regulatory requirements and state hazardous waste laws.

Representatives of EPA Region 8, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the DOE Rocky Flats Project Office signed the Corrective Action Decision/Record of Decision (CAD/ROD) for the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site, a major step towards transferring a majority of the 6,200 acres surrounding the former nuclear weapons production facility into a national wildlife refuge.

The CAD/ROD lays out what DOE must do in the future to maintain the protectiveness of the final remedy for the environmental contamination that resulted from decades of nuclear weapons production. In addition, it determines that no additional soil cleanup is required. The remedy requires DOE to retain, with physical and institutional controls, about 1,300 acres in the central area of the site that includes two landfill covers, three passive groundwater treatment systems and long-term groundwater and surface water monitoring systems.

A key element to complete the CAD/ROD was the Proposed Plan, which provided an opportunity for the public to comment on DOE's selected remedy. The Proposed Plan underwent a 60-day public comment period and the public comments and DOE's responses are included in an attachment to the CAD/ROD.

The next step in the regulatory process for closing Rocky Flats involves completing the legally binding agreement between DOE, EPA and Colorado that implements the requirements of the CAD/ROD. The Rocky Flats Legacy Management Agreement, which will be offered for public comment and review

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prior to signing, will serve as the formal mechanism for enforcing future long-term regulatory requirements, including surveillance, monitoring and maintenance necessary to ensure that the remedy continues to be protective of human health and the environment. DOE will also grant an environmental covenant to the state.

The CAD/ROD will be posted on www.rfets.gov under the Site Closure Documents Link and on the [Legacy Management Rocky Flats Site](#) webpage at noon today and will be entered into the Rocky Flats CERCLA Administrative Record.

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